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SUBJECT: PRESENCE OF BGS IN BERLIN

REFS: (A) 77 USBER 3230; (B) 77 USBER 3131;
(C) 77 BONN 18889 (PARA 8); (D) 75 BONN 5137;
(E) 75 BONN 5837; (F) 75 STATE 70838

SUMMARY: THE SUBJECT OF THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE IN BERLIN
OF MEMBERS OF THE FRG'S BORDER PROTECTIVE SERVICE
(BUNDESGRENZSCHUTZ "BGS") WAS DISCUSSED TRIPARTITELY BY
ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS AT UK AND FRENCH REQUEST ON
JANUARY 19. THE UK REP REPORTED THAT THE FCO IS PRE-
PARED TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESENCE OF THE BGS IN BERLIN
UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. THE FRENCH REP WAS NON-
COMMITTAL AS TO FRENCH APPROVAL BUT IMPLICITLY
RECOGNIZED THAT
THERE MIGHT BE A NEED FOR BGS ASSISTANCE THERE.
THE US REP DREW FROM REF A. IT WAS AGREED TO QUERY THE
MISSIONS IN BERLIN FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. ACTION
REQUESTED: SEE PARAGRAPH 9. END SUMMARY

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1. ON JANUARY 19, THE ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS DISCUSSED
THE SUBJECT TRIPARTITELY AT UK AND FRENCH SUGGESTION.
FRENCH REP (RICHARD) SAID THAT THE BERLIN AUTHORITIES
HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO WHAT SHOULD BE
DONE REGARDING THE SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE LORENZ TRIAL
(REF B) AND THAT THE SUBJECT OF THE BGS WAS
DISCUSSED BY THE ALLIED MISSIONS . HE SAID

THAT THE POLICE DO NOT WANT ANY HELP IN GENERAL BUT THAT THEY DO IN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THESE FALL INTO THREE AREAS:

A. PROTECTION OF PROMINENT PERSONALITIES WHO WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY BGS PERSONNEL WHO ARE DETAILED TO THE BKA. THIS DETAIL PLACES THEM UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE BKA, AND THROUGH THEM UNDER THE ULTIMATE UMBRELLA OF THE BERLIN POLICE. RICHARD SAID THAT THE BERLIN POLICE APPARENTLY DO NOT HAVE THE MEANS TO PROTECT ALL FRG PERSONALITIES WHO COME TO BERLIN.

B. RADIO SIGNAL TRACING EQUIPMENT. THE IDEA WOULD BE TO CALL IN BGS, WHICH DOES NOT HAVE SUCH EQUIPMENT, WITH THREE POWER AUTHORIZATION.

C. POSSIBLE NECESSITY TO CALL ON SPECIALISTS FROM THE BGS (GSG-9) IN THE CASE OF A HIGHJACKED AIRCRAFT BEING AT A BERLIN AIRPORT. RICHARD SAID THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION IN BERLIN AND THAT SOME BELIEVED THE SPECIAL EINSATZ KOMMANDO HAS THE CAPABILITY OF COVERING ALL POSSIBLE SITUATIONS.

2. UK REP (EYERS) SAID THAT THERE IS A CLEAR VIEW ON THE SUBJECT FROM THE FCO. SPECIFICALLY, THE FCO BELIEVES THAT ANY CONTINGENCY PLANNING SHOULD NOT INCLUDE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESENCE OF BGS IN BERLIN IN ANY PUBLICLY AVOWED OR AVOWABLE FORM. BY IMPLICATION, EYERS SAID, THIS WOULD PERMIT THE PRESENCE OF A BGS IN BERLIN IN A CLANDESTINE FASHION. HE NOTED THAT IN 1975 IT WAS AGREED IN THE

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BONN GROUP THAT THE BGS WOULD BE USED AS TECHNICAL EXPERTS. HE SAID THIS WAS THE TYPE OF LINE HE WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND. (COMMENT: EYERS WAS REFERRING TO THE TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS OF MARCH 28 AND 29, 1975, DESCRIBED IN REF D. WE HAVE SINCE INFORMED HIM OF THE FRENCH STATEMENT IN THE BONN GROUP MEETING ON APRIL 8, 1975, WHERE THE FRENCH REP SAID BGS PRESENCE IN BERLIN WOULD BE "PER SE ILLEGAL." REF E. END COMMENT)

3. US REP DREW FROM REF A TO PROVIDE FACTUAL INFORMATION ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE BKA AND THE BGS AND NOTED THAT THE PRELIMINARY VIEW OF THE MISSION IN BERLIN WOULD BE TO PERMIT THE PRESENCE OF THE BGS THERE UNDER CERTAIN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES. (COMMENT: THE DEPARTMENT WAS ALSO PREPARED TO AUTHORIZE BGS PRESENCE IN BERLIN IN MARCH 1975. REF F.)

4. EYERS SAID THAT THE TYPE OF APPROACH HE WOULD PROPOSE IS AS FOLLOWS: (A) THERE ARE GOOD REASONS WHY THE BGS IS NOT PRESENT IN BERLIN. (B) HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE WRONG
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FOR THE ALLIES TO EXCLUDE ANY VALUABLE MEANS OF SOLVING TERRORIST PROBLEMS. (C) WHERE THESE MEANS ARE NOT AVAILABLE IN BERLIN BUT CAN BE PROVIDED BY THE ALLIES, THE ALLIES SHOULD DO SO. (D) IF IT IS IN FACT THE CASE THAT THE ALLIES CANNOT PROVIDE NECESSARY EXPERTISE OR EQUIPMENT, WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO ALLOW THE BGS TO PROVIDE IT CLANDESTINELY AND IN A FASHION TIGHTLY CONTROLLED BY THE ALLIES.

5. HE SAID THAT THERE IS A TENDENCY IN THE SENAT TO CONSIDER INVITING THE BGS IN IN ORDER THAT THE SEK DOES NOT HAVE TO BEAR THE ENTIRE RESPONSIBILITY (CF. PARA 4 OF REF A) BUT EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE INTERNAL BERLIN POLITICAL FACTORS SHOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO PERSUADE THE ALLIES TO PERMIT THE BGS TO GO TO BERLIN. WHERE THE

REQUIREMENT OF SPECIALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL OR SPECIAL EQUIPMENT DOES NOT EXIST (I.E., IN THE THIRD CATEGORY, THAT OF PERSONAL PROTECTION), EYERS SAID HE SAW NO OBJECTION TO BGS PERSONNEL BEING IN BERLIN PROVIDED THAT THEY ARE ON LONG-TERM ASSIGNMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 1, REF A. HOWEVER, HE SAID THAT THE FINAL DECISION WOULD REST WITH THE FCO.

6. EYERS SAID HE THOUGHT THE ALLIES AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN BERLIN HAVE THE NECESSARY ABILITY TO DEAL WITH MOST EMERGENCIES OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED ABOVE. SPECIFICALLY, HE THOUGHT THAT THE SEK HAD THE ABILITY TO PERFORM THE SAME FUNCTIONS REGARDING THE STORMING OF AN AIRCRAFT AS DID THE GSG-9. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE ALLIED UNITS AVAILABLE TO PERFORM THE SAME FUNCTION. THE US REP AND RICHARD QUESTIONED WHETHER THE ALLIES DO HAVE THIS CAPABILITY AT PRESENT. IN ADDITION, BASED ON THE APPARENT NEED FOR FRG SIGNAL TRACING EQUIPMENT DURING THE

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1975 LORENZ KIDNAPPING, THE US REP QUESTIONED WHETHER THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT WAS AVAILABLE IN BERLIN.

7. IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL THREE REPS LACKED THE NECESSARY INFORMATION TO PROCEED WITH THIS QUESTION AND THAT WE SHOULD QUERY THE BERLIN MISSIONS FOR MORE INFORMATION.

8. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF THE FCO'S WILLINGNESS TO AGREE (AS IT WAS PREPARED TO DO IN 1975, REF D) TO BGS PRESENCE IN BERLIN UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN THE LIGHT OF

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THE FRENCH BONN GROUP REP'S OPENNESS ON THE MATTER, THE ALLIED BONN GROUP REPS WILL PRESUMABLY RETURN TO THE QUESTION. WHILE WE DO NOT PROPOSE TO TAKE THE LEAD IN PUSHING FOR CONTINGENCY APPROVAL (REF A, PARA 6), IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THE DIALOGUE TO CONTINUE. ANYTHING RELEVANT WHICH USBER CAN PROVIDE, IN ADDITION TO THE HELPFUL INFORMATION IN REF A, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

9. SPECIFICALLY, ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WOULD BE USEFUL:

A. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY RECENT DISCUSSIONS OF THE SUBJECT IN BERLIN?

B. IS THE MISSION OF THE VIEW THAT THE SEK IS AS CAPABLE AS THE BGS OF DEALING WITH THE SITUATIONS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH L (B) AND (C) SUPRA?

C. IF NOT, ARE ALLIED RESOURCES AVAILABLE WHICH CAN OBVIATE THE NEED FOR THE BGS IN THESE SITUATIONS?
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10. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARAGRAPH 9.
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